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Conscription Results

good premptly if the advertisor does not.

city's quota is to be obtained without excessive delay because of exemption hearings a supplemental call will have to be

420-or 14 per cent-made no such claim. Fuller unofficial figures for Thursday exemption. The residuum was 584, or 13 Hoover.

trants submitted to physical examination. found willing to follow that example. The proportion of conscripts to registrants is actually much smaller than these registration summaries show it to be for it is neutral aliens, whose names are carried on York districts, are examined when they apa waste of time to examine them.

of physical defects. That leaves 50 men. gence. Eighty-five per cent of these claim exemp-

for exemption can be allowed. The percentage of exemption claims alvague. They may be applied vaguely in a all remote ends and profound problems. state in which the alien and slacker ele- As a nation, we have been superficially depleting the draftable material. But it

of the various Entente nations will improve our situation. On the second call, intellectual laziness.

on account of our greed as because of our blemish, as it was then considered. The marked difference between store "pants" and too, the inequalities of the original draft People will put themselves to any census may be cured to some extent. amount of physical effort rather than use Our man-power will be increased and our their brains. Our national maxim has quota will be decreased. But for the pres- been "Get busy." The "hustler" has beent we shall have to choose between a come our hero, with the result that few limitation of exemptions or a very quick people, even leaders and moulders of pubdepletion of our registration reserves.

give a good account of herself. Our peomodern equivalent of that calm meditation | around has there been opportunity for the clubmen, so that its vogue spread abroad, and were, like the ant, deaf, dumb and blind to is used in moderation the effect is to cut out. We are convinced of the rightness of everything of the real Germany? Hoping down human life from 200 years to the ordiour cause, that we are fighting to establish ple are not malingerers and "coffee cool- which characterized the great minds of aners." We shall produce our quota and, if cient and mediæval times. The average the inequalities of the present apportion- man has seldom stopped to ask himself ment are not corrected, a good deal more whether his ideas were his own or were than our fair quota. Moreover, there will merely borrowed phrases and second-hand be fewer exemptions claimed on the call opinions. Repetition has been easier than for the second army than on the call for criginality; mental labor saving devices, the first army. By the time the second partisan formulas, comfortable illusions have made up a large part of our intelconscripts are called the war spirit, now lectual capital. hardly awakened, will have been quickened by actual experience of war.

where it may not be working up to antici- only one inevitable fruit of a long indulged pations, but it has a potentiality which national habit of shoddy thinking. even the most sanguine of its administrators do not now realize. We are unduly concerned to-day about its capacity to raise two armies of 500,000 men. We struggle for its own survival to learn new shall probably be much less concerned later and more courageous mental habits. There confusion of ideas respecting the reasons

by any indication of a curtailment of telligence. prices. Just at present the situation seems to be that restaurants and hotels are conserving food at the expense of their

TRIBUNE with absolute safety-for if dissalisfaction results comfort incident to interference with per- Its action jibes, moreover, with the desire many and greatly desired to be at peace with possible, and to risk their lives if need be in possible, and to risk their lives if need be in possible, and to risk their lives if need be in the performance of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty is a live same of their duty. If there is a live same of their duty is a live sam Returns from various registration dis- fare at an advance of from 10 to 20 or 30 and assure adequate punishment for those tricts in this city show that the state gov- per cent over its price a few months ago. guilty. district boards were directed to call men most plentiful; yet the prices exacted for escape of her slayer is, and must remain, for examination up to twice the number of them, not in places alone where the cus- a black mark on the excellent record of the district quota. It is plain that if this tomer pays for the name, but in ordinary the department under Commissioner

price of foodstuffs in general has risen in reports of missing persons. The grand To the Editor of The Tribune. places begin to practise war economy and before it did not indicate the existence of food conservation at his expense, he can a police "system" with graft ramifications showed much the same result. Of 4,471 not join in any pean of praise for the into high police officialdom. It has considexamined 2,717 passed and 2,133 claimed method of their cooperation with Mr. cred and acted on the facts, which are bad bureaucracy, demonstrate the menace-in-

amined are physically qualified to serve, stay away or seek some cheaper refectory will continue this investigation may be -if one can be found. In the mean time trusted to return them. The police deand that about 131/2 per cent-or, roughly, the Amalgamated Order of Restaurant partment is too good now not to be made wanna Railroad, which established reduced wiped out completely, and the level-headed Instead of getting one conscript to every size portions or "war orders" in its dining handling of the situation by this grand two registrants, we are getting only one cars, at reduced prices, and a second medal jury indicates that this result will be atconscript to every seven or eight regis- for any restaurant owner who can be tained without undue disturbance.

The Mental Habits of Democracy

The wisdom of Gorky's statement that highly improbable that enemy aliens and what Revolutionary Russia needed was less political propaganda and more scientific thinking is daily becoming more evident the lists in large numbers in many New If science be understood in the broad sense-not as narrow Prussian technical pear before the registration boards. Since efficiency, but as careful, well informed they are automatically exempt it would be courageous thinking about the big facts of life and nature-Gorky's diagnosis applies If the state authorities counted on get- to democracy everywhere. Similar stateting a fifty-fifty return on the first call, ments have been made by H. G. Wells in they will be seriously disappointed. Put regard to the troubles of democracy in aside in every hundred men called 25 ent crisis. Prussianism has not only chalenemy aliens and neutral aliens. Then lenged the bravery and devotion of freediscard one-third of the remainder because men; it has also challenged their intelli-

tion. That leaves between 7 and 8 uncon- realize the preparedness value of genuine is following the same course and making the fair that Whitestone should be bled white to ditional conscripts out of every 100. To thinking. It has been almost a national same defence of it. So are the editors of help out our German friends in College If sincere, intelligent people really think and bring the total to fifty not a single plea tradition with us not to take intellectual activity quite seriously. It is not that we tion; not that we have fallen behind in the German, editors is false. "The Leader" is Flushing. Whitestone stands ready to send and ex-convicts? If placed in charge of leadlowed must depend on the rigor or laxity matter of applied science or technical with which the elastic exemption regula- training; it has been rather an intellectual tions are enforced. At present each board indifference to anything except immediate is practically its own interpreter and practical results. A short-sighted utilitaarbiter. The exemption provisions are rianism has ignored as much as possible

ments are inconsiderable without seriously clever rather than deeply reflective, our goodness a thing of the emotions rather than of reasoned conduct, our economic reis evident that laxity in applying them in lations determined more by convention and this state-and especially in this city- class interest than by reason and justice. will compel many districts to draw heavily Our statecraft has been concerned chiefly on their registration lists in order to raise with questions of present prosperity-the their complements for the first conscript future left largely to chance, with the feeling that a benevolent Providence surely If our local boards are easy with those would not fail to save from the conse who offer exemption affidavits, there will quences of their blunders such a well meaning people as ourselves. Politically, soon have to be additional calls in many our thinking has seldom risen above the registration areas. We have an inflated temporary advantages of opportunist parstate quota to fill. The population of New tisanism. Our literature has seldom been York City has been artificially increased permitted to rise above "best seller" stand-1,000,000 or more by the Federal Census ards. The drama has been made to con-Bureau. We have here a disproportionate- form to the interests of the box office. ly large body of enemy and neutral aliens. Even religion has been judged by the nu-The passage of the McCumber bill permit- merical standards usually applied to salesting the drafting of the subjects or citizens manship. We have gained the reputation of the various Entente nations will im-

lie opinion, have had time for thinking Under any circumstances New York will Scarcely anywhere in our blind milling

The fact that after more than two years of warning we should even at this day be Conscription in this country is as yet in unable to meet a single problem of the war Alles"? its experimental stage. Here and else- without endless confusion and delay is

A new democracy is coming out of this crisis, a very different democracy, indeed, from that which was put on the defensive in 1914. Democracy is being forced by the To the Editor of The Tribune. is to-day a general attitude of expectancy why we are at war with Germany. looking to great changes and more adequate adjustments in the social and po- and the barbarities inflicted on her women Conservation at Customers' Expense litical structure of all the democratic na-There would be greater rejoicing the tions. But such transformations are not as sufficient reason for our taking part in country over regarding the announce- going to rain down upon us from the skies. ment of the hotelkeepers' food conserva- They must be thought out and their worth tion committee as to meatless days, the recognized by a more alert popular intellicurtailment of bread and butter and kin- gence. Before everything else the new dedred "economies" if it were accompanied mocracy will emphasize the value of in-

Sane Findings

In finding an indictment against Captain customers, and their proprietors are be- Cooper and filing a presentment against coming more patriotic the more profits certain methods of the Police Department the grand jury which has been consider- Germany is at war with us. Germany at-Patriotism is not lacking, nor is there a lng the Cruger case has acted in acdesire to escape a certain amount of dis- cordance with the sense of the community. selves. When we were at peace with Gerthat fish now appears on many bills of Police Department's handling of this case, would not fight to defend our property and police also have the newer to call upon and

restaurants where business men eat Woods. It seems to have been due to inluncheon or dinner, are quite appalling. dividual incompetence and a breakdown of The public is not unaware that the the department's system in investigating enough.

Impudent Pretences

(From The Cleveland Leader The "New-Yorker Staats-Zeitung," the prin. Have we the right to do it? cipal daily newspaper printed in the German language in this country, is engaged in pub-lishing from day to day what it claims are the only complete lists of the vessels sunk by the U-boats. These lists are much longer than those given out by the governments of the Allied countries, and their correctness has

these and many other statements, the object war, when we were the banner town of the

papers in the country. safe in saying for the American press that it measurably superior to those of the publications in this country, and that it is not following the suicidal policy of trying to de- nor's "cornfield rapid transit route" has done service." ceive the public. The American people know already. the American newspapers and should need no reassurance on this score. On the other hand, by the confession of some of their own number the German-American editors rewrite what little real news they print and "doctor

The object of the "Staats-Zeitung," the erstthe "Waechter," and similar publications, is to discourage the American people as much as ossible in their prosecution of the war and give Germany all the help to win it that can. The question is, How much longer

Herbert Kelcey's Trousers Crease

It is claimed that the late Herbert Kelcev, known in this country, started the fashion of in all that life holds for any of us." creased trousers. One does not have to be ld to remember when trousers were worn un- been uttered, and personally I might add ing at the knees, the shape of the legs being eft round. In fact, creased trousers were because the ready-made article, as it came from a pile on the counters of the stores, was always creased, and the particular cusmer at once ordered the removal of that trousers made by a tailor lay in the creasing store clothes method, and thereby forever removed a distinction that had long obtained, Junker of 1917. The claim is that Mr. Kelcey appeared on the with his trousers creased, and the idea imediately commended itself to New York

Meinselbst Allein! To the Editor of the Tribune.

Sir: The blasphemous allusions to Me und Gott have completely disappeared from Will- To the Editor of The Tribune.

am's last proclamation to his troops. Things have not been satisfactory of late o William has taken the business on hand United States soldiers? The men in the regu-

Can you tell me what has become of that beautiful, soulful song so popular in 1914 regulars. and 1915, when Germany was fighting in OBSERVER. Glens Falls, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1917.

Why We Are at War

Germany Attacked Us Until We Had to Fight

Sir: It seems to me that there is great Many point to the violation of Belgium

and children and those of Northern France Others point to the wanton and unmilitary

destruction of unarmed towns, with their cathedrals, private dwellings and fruit trees. The papers are full of the statement that we entered the war to fight with democracy against autocracy.

It seems to me that all these things, while by the terms and conditions of the governthey justly stir our feelings, only serve to confuse the real issue. These are not the

reasons why we are at war with Germany. Why, then, are we at war with Germany? In fact, we are not at war with Germany-

sonal habits in ordinary citizens here- of Mayor Mitchel and Police Commissioner the whole world Germany began sinking our sonal habits in ordinary citizens hereof Mayor Mitchel and Police Commissioner the whole
abouts. Even those who dislike fish will Woods to have an investigation made
whole and murdering our citizens, and this his family are in danger and his house is
abouts. Even those who dislike fish will woods to have an investigation made
great, haughty, cruel nation refused to apoloin danger of being burned, the police must be able to endure the meatless days; but which would disclose responsibility for the great, haughty, cruel nation refused to apolothere is a manifest grievance in the fact stupidity and bungling which marked the

our lives. It is time, then, that we heard the last of ernment's estimate of one conscript to every Now, if ever, fresh vegetables, fruits and the failure of the police to find the two registrants was over-sanguine. The salads should be cheapest, because they are murdered girl's body and to prevent the battles of England and France. We are not fighting the battles of England and France. We are fighting our own battles in

defence of our lives and property.
HENRY GRAHAM. Brooklyn, Aug. 2, 1917.

The German Language Press

recent years, nor that eating places feel jury, at least, has not found reason to Sir: The United States of America hav-The official figures for Thursday showed this rise as well as other purchasers. In- take the extreme view frequently expressed ing declared war against the Central Powers that of the 2,913 men examined 2,070 creases in the total of restaurant checks for not so long ago that failure in this in- of Europe, why does the President and his passed muster physically. The percentage the last two or three years have been met stance indicated widespread conditions of administrative advisers countenance what taxes to support the government. qualified 1,650 claimed exemption, and only when the rises continue and the eating department, probably because the evidence places begin to provide the rises continue and the eating department, probably because the evidence of the needle, have the right, just as nolice in his defence.

newspapers in war times? Conditions in Russia, where Germans and Teutonic influence have honeycombed the mentally constituted as to shirk helping under enment under which he lives should be expected by requirements and the mentally constituted as to shirk helping under empted from protecting him. If he be held ternal strife at the least-to which failure to suppress these enemy publications during any just conscientious objection to the per- an affair between him and the highwayman, passed to examined was 62 per cent. If ernment regulation of restaurant prices as evidence regarding the incompetence which haps that about two-thirds of those exprofit from the protection insured at our

frightful toll. As one of Uncle Sam's patriots, may I rebe conscripted without further unwinding medal for the management of the Lackaof red tape.

Customers ought to club together to buy a better. Weakness and incompetence such medal for the management of the Lackaas the Cruger case disclosed must be similar adherents of the welfare of our counthorities to eliminate this immediate peril NOW, while we are sending our men to spend their strength, their best years, many their lives, at the war front?

We are at war; let us follow the rules Germany, the best trained nation of the world in war, does not despise its rules. New York, July 29, 1917. A PATRIOT.

Patriotism in Whitestone To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Just a little peep to let you know that Whitestone is still on the map and I believe the most patriotic town in these United States. have registered with a spotless card!

of which is to make it appear that the Ger- country. Then Whitestone had a populamans are winning greater successes in the tion of 3,000; now we have slightly less than

to date, and there are not many more from why should not units be formed of convi

WILLIAM G. ARMSTRONG, W. S. Overton Camp, U. S. W. Veterans. Whitestone, N. Y., July 29, 1917.

If Germany Should Win the War!

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I wish you would publish and repub hile "Fatherland," the Kaiser's organ here; lish the following paragraph taken from one of your recent editorials: "To believe that Germany can win this war would be to believe that all our faith is empty; that all we have loved and believed and trusted in the ciples of moral law. years of our lifetime and all that has been t; that barbarism is at last to prevail ever manity and justice. To believe that Ger- have taken their medicine and whose great an English-born actor who became widely many can win this war is to cease to believe desire is now to make good? In our present market to buy some, but the result was dis-These are the truest words that have ever

reased, being pressed only to remove bag- that if Germany can win this war I want a ie the day before it happens. New York, Aug. 2, 1917. M. CLAREY.

A German in Fiction To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: About forty years ago an American marked difference between store "pants" and novelist, E. P. Roe, published a book entitled "Barriers Burned Away." It is a story of of the garment. It may be that Mr. Kelcey the Chicago fire of '71. One of the strong the few choice spirits of each generation age patriotism in every way, but we seem to highest, knows and reveres the name Rose to life that he might have been a German

stage of the Metropolitan Lyceum Theatre vellous conception of the German at a time part of a larger question, the evil of nersome one may be able or care to satisfy my JOHN KERR.

Franklin, N. Y., July 27, 1917. No Nicknames for Soldiers

Sir: Will you try to discourage the nick-names "Sammies" and "Teddies" for the

lar army do not like it, It may do for the militia, but not for the

Such nicknames sound foolish and silly. names. OLDTIMER.

Fort Hamilton, Aug. 1, 1917.

The Conscienceless Objector

By Hudson Maxim

It is hard to believe that in this time of to society and the government whenever he

war, when the best young men of the country are going to France to fight for freedom in a truer and in a larger sense than freein a truer and in a larger sense than freethieves, and thugs by his neighbors and his dom was ever before fought for, there should be individuals and organizations trying to tution, he is just as much in duty bound to for the purpose are carrying out the plans to get laws passed for the exemption of such render return service when called upon as salvage these pitiful wrecks of the war. conscienceless slackers as are ready to re-sort to the ruse of the conscientious objector quently, there can be no possible just conto escape military service. Yet there are scientious objection to military service.

No Exemption for Slackers

such persons and such organizations, and one The excuse that young men who hate war very active and well financed organization. should not be obliged to go to war is falla-Every man is not only obligated and bound to his home, to society and to huit is no reason for his not paying them. man nature, but also is bound and obligated Because a slacker may have a wrong idea ment under which he lives to defend that society and that government. All national governments are necessarily based upon the mutual duty and obligation of their citizens to stand together and fight together if need try whom one kills in battle saves the life He contributes his services. be in defence of their lives and possessions. of a fellow countryman. It is killing in self- The inmates are picked men, whose indus-If a citizen be held up and robbed on the defence, and self-preservation is the first law try and discipline are guaranteed. They are of nature and of God.

sister, mother, against the assaults of a ruf- woollen articles which are in great demand fian has no conscience. Likewise the slacker and therefore command a ready sale. The who objects to that same kind of defence on period of instruction lasts three months a larger scale, which is the defence of the During the last two weeks the man's wife nation in war against the horrors of invasion, allowed to come for instruction as a da has no conscience, and cannot, by any possi- pupil, so that she can learn to aid her bility, be a conscientious objector.

for the pricks of conscience has no more right machines have been purchased. They co of private citizens to aid them, when reto exemption from service to support his gov- \$150 each. ernment than a citizen has to be exempted from paying his taxes to support his gov-Consequently, government is a pact beernment, for military service is only the paytween men for mutual defence and mutual ment of a just tax.

progress. Government is a pact between an Killing for Defence established institution representing the best Any creature in the guise of man who is so interests of society and the individuals comconscienceless, cowardly and contemptible as posing that society and in that government to have any religious scruples against fightthe welfare of each individual is the concern of every other individual. When the life or ing, and killing if need be, to defend his wife of every other individual. When the life of property of an individual is in danger, the or sister or mother against the assault of a large property at 27 Boulevard Victor government is obligated to defend that individual and murderer has no right to live. Hugo, where blinded officers and others of vidual, at whatever cost in life or treasure; among real men and no rights to be protected by the government under which he and in return each individual must pay his lives, and if the law of the country enables War is only a riot on a large scale, and him to escape military service because of any

help quell the riot, and there can be no con- others, then others should likewise be exscientious objectors, for the man who is so empted from service to him, and the gov-There cannot be on the part of any citizen up and robbed by a highwayman, it is merely to his protection. Any such "conscientious" tious an objection to doing so as the slacker objectors should be outlawed-more, they entertains when trying to escape military should be put upon an island by themselves, objectors should be outlawed-more, they as the leprous, vicious dogs were banished Every man becomes a debtor to his friends, from Constantinople.

Militancy in Women A Patriot Convict's Plea

Why Deprive Him of the Right to Produced by Denial of Fair Means Serve His Country?

such circumstances has no conscience.

quired, in the performance of their duty.

Government and the Individual

To the Editor of The Tribune, Sir: May I hope the following extracts

from this prisoner, all breathing a regret for denied fair means of getting it; some block machinery or materials he must have in or breaking man-made laws and a determination has been put in the way of legislative action. der to earn his living. This lack our fund to think and live straight when his freedom That was true in England, where until this

We have 192 men in the United States service think when one asks, 'Why don't you join the justify the publication in this country of now. We had eighty-seven men in the Spanish army? You are big, husky and strong? there heart registration day brought anguish, and many an ex-convict lives in dread of the day legislative action has been phenomenal of men help themselves in Particular to the political property of the devices invented to help blinded many an ex-convict lives in dread of the day war than the Allies are willing to admit or 6,000. We have three election districts, so when he must lay bare before an exemption late. During the first four months of 1917 the newspapers printed in English are making we average sixty-four men to the district. board the past he is earnestly and hopefully Still, we have to send more men by the draft trying to live down, and then, because of sad for President than in all the years of agitatruth, whether it is palatable to them or not.

Viercel, the college of the districts of the districts of the districts of the districts. I am heartful services to his country. People in the district of women who sook as the great mathe notorious "Father- not kicking for myself, as I am a dead one think the convict would join the army to go of the dawn in Factors see a rapid breaking where we war, we war in the mediately the United States entered the war, any man in Whitestone, but it doesn't seem is just as much true, ardent in the mediately the United States entered the war, any man in Whitestone, but it doesn't seem is just as much true, ardent in the necessity of passing the Federal amendation in the necessity of passing the Federal ame practically all the German-printed news- Point or the would-be aristocrats of Flushing. believe that it would be detrimental to the College Point, with a population of more country to give prisoners a chance to make There is no use in mincing words about this than 11,000, has given only seventy-one men good with other men in the army and navy, every man to the front to fight for our coun- ers who are both fair and experienced in has facilities for obtaining war news im- try, but not for a bunch of pro-German-Amer- military affairs, I am ready to prophesy that can slackers. Please let the rest of the city such units would compare favorably in loyknow what this part of the late Mayor Gay- alty and efficiency with any others in the

This young man realizes the justice of punshment for wrongdoing; has accepted and borne his punishment like a man; has seen service in the navy and longs to prove that he is neither vicious nor bad, can win respect and hold it, and is determined to do so. only know him by the letters he has written. He is in a prison on the honor system, and will soon be free. Give him the chance he hopes for. Let him fight for the honor and life of his country. His patriotism and longings for true service lie deeper than any desire for wrongdoing, and are the basic prin-

Immortal infamy is abroad in the world. believed and trusted by our fathers and True service is needed from every man, be grandfathers is now going into the melting he convict, ex-convict or free man, and knowing how many there are who deserve prison civilization, and brute force to replace hu- and escape it, why turn down those who terrible danger and grave responsibility let couraging. us help them to help themselves. New York, July 30, 1917. C. C. B. PIER.

The Tobacco and Chocolate Evil To the Editor of The Tribune.

obacco, in to-day's editorial on "In Justice be a scarcity to Humanity." It matters little to me what listen to reason. Let all such die out for will do our share in cating them. the good of humanity. But my interest is in characters is a German baron drawn so true who are misled by false teachings, for even be left to the tender mercies of the profiteers, welt. choice spirits are not omniscient, and this is a big world. They have heard that tobacco is Could any of your readers tell us how he bad, but The Tribune says it is good; and (the author) came to get this, to me, mar- | so human life is shortened. This is only when almost all American and British au- vines. Our people are using from 500 teachers, preachers and professors to 1,000 nervines, so that even if each one

> early with tobacco and chocolate. EDGAR D. BRINKERHOFF. Fall River, Mass., Aug. 1, 1917.

"Another Anniversary" To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your leader of the first, "Another Anniversary," for straight-from-the shoulder truth crowns your many powerful editorials. Alas! we can hardly expect such a fine bit "self-defence," but now forgotten, at least for the regulars, just call us plain United of work to touch our sluggish Congressmen. Let us as a nation, or, better, as a group of never heard any more, "Deutschland über States soldiers and cut out the silly nick- I guess nothing short of liquid fire would in- nations, carnestly implore the Divine guidduce a spurt in that quarter. Norwalk, Conn., Aug. 2, 1917.

of Gaining Vote

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: What makes women militant? It is very year means have always been employed "I think I never wanted to be free so badly to stop the passage of the suffrage bill—no as I did on the 5th of June. If I could only matter what majority it had before its third To and final reading in the House of Commons.

What corresponds to our Federal amendment was the only way the English women is nothing to do but jerk out my card with had of getting suffrage. Here we have a 'prisoner' written on it. To many a prisoner's safety valve—state legislatures can grant suf-

ment, peaceful and militant alike. Both ting. This is not only most adaptable a groups feel that the passage of the bill might sightless men, but is also very lucrative. Even had twin babies to feed in the night, and one prises the cutting of glasses, plates, sar howled while the other waited patiently, finger bowls, decanters and innumerable which would get the bottle first?" Whether the "pickets" are wrong, political-

y, in their line of conduct, time will tell. because of their essentially practical purpose The people on whom the burden of criticism of transforming once hopeless and he ests, however, are not this small group of ver-zealous women, if you will, but officials in high places who talk much of democracy and hold the bill in check whose passage is essential if half the people of this nation are coming to their own. ELEANOR GARRISON.

Delhi, N. Y., July 29, 1917.

Fish Too Dear

To the Editor of The Tribune.

what has been in my mind for some time re- support of the A. B. F. B.'s great work, garding Mr. Hoover's advice to eat fish. As our family desires to obey injunctions and contributed by the public which reaches the help the government, I went to a nearby fish A. B. F. B. is devoted directly to weakfish 15c a pound. I bought three weakfish at 60c, and when the insides were out and the heads off I found that for food value they were in no wise equal to pork tenderloins at 35c.

Sometimes when one doesn't want fish Sir: I admire the conscienceless way in there are cards out with lower prices, but which you stand up for that noxious weed, when you go to buy there always seems to

If Mr. Hoover will tell us where we can To the Editor of The Tribune. becomes of those tobacco users who will not buy fish at reasonable prices we certainly

We buy bonds and save bread and encour-New York, Aug. 2, 1917. F. A. LE H.

For a Day of Prayer To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: I most earnestly hope that Mr. Tracy's

suggestion of a day of prayer may be carried our cause, that we are fighting to establish know it would be answered. Has not us nary threescore and ten. What we need is justice and righteousness, and to secure a hour struck for action? people that live long enough to learn somelasting peace, but "except the Lord keep the thing, but The Tribune advises killing them city, the watchman watcheth but in vain The Bible abounds in thrilling accounts of God's help in national trouble in answer to

prayer. Also in Psalm cvii, "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses." These ines keep recurring like a refrain, emphasizpower and willingness to meet it. Do we consider that we have outgrown

prayer or dependence on a higher power AN ENGLISHWOMAN.

New York, Aug. 2, 1917.

Helping Blinded Soldiers

How They Are Taught to Become

Self-Supporting To the Editor of the Tribune.

Sir: Every reader of your paper who has contributed to the American-British-French-Belgian Blind Relief War Fund will be glad to learn how the members of the executive committee of the A. B. F. B. now in Europe

They have opened at 35 Rue du Chateau Neuilly, just outside the gates of Paris, knitting school for married men. This house which is surrounded by a large and shady garden, has been placed at the disposal of the A. B. F. B. rent free for the duration cious. Because a man may hate his debts, the war and six months thereafter, by which time the last of the blinded inmates will have of what constitutes responsibility for killing in war, it is no sign that he should be exempted from killing in war. To kill in war at a time. It is in charge of Dr. Cosse, the is not murder. It is saving life. For all eminent surgeon, who is also head of the practical reckoning, every enemy of his coun-military school for the blinded at Chartres.

taught to make by means of a special knit The slacker who will not defend his wife, ting machine sweaters, socks and other band. A machine is given to each pupil when The slacker who mistakes his cowardice he has completed his course. So far twenty

Learn a Family Trade

The peculiar advantage of this institution is that it teaches a trade that can be car-ried on by husband and wife at home with the greatest facility. Together they easily can earn 300 francs (\$60) a month, which is France enables them to maintain themselver and their children in comfort. The A. B. F. B. has also leased in Neuilly

superior education who in private life were doctors, lawyers, magistrates, professors, etc and whose intellectual attainments take them out of the category of the brush and ma makers and other adepts at common manual labor, will be reeducated to fit them to r turn to their former professions or to start afresh as stenographers, typists, commercial representatives, insurance agents, interpre ters, telephone operators, teachers in primary, secondary and high schools, engineers, etc. Nothing will be asked of them save constant attention, serious effort and discipline. At the conclusion of their course places will be found for them. Experience has disclosed that this institu-

tion will fill a very special want and is urgently needed. In recognition of this fact some of the greatest professors in France have volunteered their services as teachers. The rent is being paid out of the private means of one of the officers of the A. B. F. B., so that the fund will be relieved of this expense The house before the war was a school fo young ladies. It contains eighty beds and otherwise is admirably adapted for the purpose to which it is to be put, as at the outbreak of the war it was fitted up as living and office headquarters for Marshal Joffre and

his staff. The great trouble in France has been the from a prisoner's letter will be given space in not so much that the revolutionary women do means have been lacking with which to prosome day to be in a position to see that every man blinded in this war will at least have the possibility given him of becoming usefu conditions in this respect are infinitely better owing to the splendid response of the cole nies, so that the A. B. F. B. is facilitated present in meeting the greater necessities

> stenography, by means of which the operate can take dictation at great speed and is able later to transcribe it with an ordinary type

Glass Cutting Lucrative

he accelerated by Federal officials. The Na- men who have lost one arm in addition to tional Woman Suffrage Association and its their eyes accomplish wonders at it. I say two million members believe the way to rapid in England one whose right arm had bee action lies along the path of reason and per- amputated cutting a stopper for a perfumer suasion. A smaller group of women sympa-thize with Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, of English was doing it very well. Later he will be put ame. She once said in substance: "If you to cutting the bottle itself. The trade com-

The two institutions mentioned of which heroes into self-supporting morale restored, we feel sure every contri utor to the fund will approve have been established by the A. B. F. B. But the speting of them is not all. They have got to be maintained, and for this and the other sp building work the fund has undertaken much money is required, and required now. Ever thing that the fund has done to rescue the war wrecks from a living death has been with American money. We ask all readers Sir: "C. P. E." in to-day's Tribune voices this announcement and appeal to rally to ing all that they can. It is well known, by blinded soldiers and sailors help the and to no other purpose whatever, all istrative expens CORA PARSONS KESSLER. sources. Honorary Secretary A. B. F. B. Permant

Blind Relief War Fund, Headquarter 590 Fifth Avenue, New York. Puris, France, July 16, 1917.

Roosevelt for Russia

Sir: Every peasant, workman, sailor, sid dier, every citizen from the lowliest to the

Cannot there come a call for Theode Roosevelt to go to Russia, reorganize lead their armies? Can the American per ple offer a larger service at this time? would seem destiny has held in reserve superman for some such world service, and the call comes to Theodore Roosevelt,

DAVID F. KEMP. Elmhurst, L. I., July 31, 1917.

Recruiting for the Navy To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I am sending you a copy of the south

just been published. I beg to take this e casion to thank you for your great aid in ing publicity to this recruiting station. The results to date have been most s factory and the space that you have given

in your paper has aided our work very terially.

BLAINE EWING, Chair

Yew York, Aug. 1, 1917.